

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PERMIT
FOR MODIFICATION OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UNDER
THE NORTH DAKOTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

FACILITY NAME: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – R.M. Heskett Station 0087

APPLICANT: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

BACKGROUND:

On June 7, 2011, the Department received a revised Solid Waste Management Facility Permit Application from Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) for the modification of the R.M. Heskett Station Ash Disposal Facility regulated by this Department under Permit 0087. The facility is located just north of Mandan in the SW1/4 of Section 10, Township 139N, Range 81W in Morton County. MDU requested the modification so the maximum height of the facility may be increased from approximately 1,756.0 feet to 1,803.0 feet above mean sea level (MSL), expand the southern disposal area of the facility by 90 feet to the south and add a surface impoundment. The proposed expansion would add an additional 1,430,000 cubic yards of air space for ash placement, extending the life of the landfill to the year 2034.

The Department believes that a permit which meets the requirements of the North Dakota Solid Waste Management Rules and is protective of human health and the environment can be issued to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – R. M. Heskett Station and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARING

As required by Section 33-20-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the Draft Permit will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days following publication of the Public Notice. The public comment period begins October 14, 2011 and ends November 14, 2011. During that period any interested person may submit written comments and request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised. A fifteen (15) day notice will be provided before any hearing is scheduled. The North Dakota Department of Health will consider all comments prior to taking any action on the permit. Comments, questions and written communication should be directed to:

Scott A. Radig, P.E., Director
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Division of Waste Management
918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor
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The Draft Permit and Permit Application are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Waste Management, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND. A copy of this Public Notice is also on the Department's website at: <http://www.ndhealth.gov>

Anyone requiring special access or accommodations to review the Draft Permit may contact the Department at 701-328-5166.